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AND
PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.

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54th ANNIVERSARY



The Buffalo Club

52ND ANNUAL
SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARD
AND
FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON

"Turning New Corners"

Ms. Janet E. Barnes	President
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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

HEARTHSTONE MANOR
333 DICK ROAD, DEPEW, NEW YORK

SOJOURNER TRUTH

Sojourner Truth was a former slave who became a leader in the battle against slavery. She was freed under the New York Gradual Emancipation Act.

Sojourner fought her battles from the lecture platform and in the courts. There is some evidence that Sojourner gave help to slaves escaping through the Underground, but the only slave she actually freed herself was her son, but he was freed through the court action. Her lecture activities brought her almost instant fame. Although she was illiterate, she had the power to captivate her audience. Her witty replies to hecklers became legendary, though in one famous instance she became a heckler herself and stopped Fredrick S. Douglas cold.

After the Civil War, Sojourner Truth was active in fund raising projects to assist the free men and women, and in the cause of women's suffrage. She settled in Battle Creek, Michigan but continued traveling on lecture tours until a few years before her death in 1883. She was about eighty five years old at the time of her death and was buried in Oakhill Cemetery in Battle Creek, Michigan.



"If Eve, the first woman God ever made, was strong enough to turn the world upside down alone, the women of today ought to be able to get it right side up again."

Sojourner Truth, 1851

HISTORICAL BRIEF

The Late Emma Odessa Young, a realtor in New York City and member of the New York Club Business and Professional Women, conceived the idea of a National organization. Unfortunately, Mrs. Young became an invalid and was unable to work toward this end.

However, on July 12 and 13, 1935, Mrs. Ollie Chinn Porter, President of the New York Business and Professional Women's Club, invited the Philadelphia and the Atlantic City Clubs to New York City to join to form a national organization. A three-day conference was held at the YMCA in New York City. A committee consisting of Ollie Chinn Porter, Effie Diton of New York City, Bertha Perry Rhodes, Josephine Keene, Adelaide Flemming of Philadelphia and Pearl Flippen of Atlantic City all came together to form the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Mrs. Porter was elected chairman, Mrs. Diton the national organization organizer and Mrs. Flippen the Secretary and Treasurer.



Mrs. Ollie Chin Porter

After a year of meetings, the first convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on July 9, 1936 at the Asbury M. E. Church on Artie Avenue. Elected officers were: National President, Mrs. Ollie Chinn Porter, New York City; First Vice-President, Mrs. Bertha Perry Rhodes, Philadelphia; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Marguerite Creth Jackson, New York City, and Secretary/Treasurer, Sara Taylor, Atlantic City, NJ. State organizer for New Jersey was Mrs. Emma Goodwin, State organizer for Pennsylvania was Mrs. Josephine Keene. Thus, was the beginning of charter clubs from New York City, NY, Philadelphia, PA and Atlantic City, NJ.

That these black women had the courage to find an optimistic organization is astounding and is lasting testimony to their faith in themselves, their people, and the future.



2012
Buffalo Club President
North East District
Treasurer

Janet E. Barnes

Congratulations To All Awardees

Janet E. Barnes, President of the Buffalo Club has been an integral part of the Buffalo Club of the NANBPWC, Inc. since she became a member of our young adult club of NANBPWC, Inc., serving for four years in the position. Janet received the Professional Award, the Ollie C. Porter Award, and the Appreciation Award. Since her affiliation with the Buffalo Senior Club, Janet has served as Corresponding Secretary, 2nd Vice-President, 1st Vice-President and chaired the annual Snow Ball Dinner Dance. She also has chaired and co-chaired the Annual Sojourner Truth Awards and Founders Day Luncheons. Janet's District and National achievements include; North East District Choir Director, North East District Financial Assistant, and National Music Director.

Janet E. Barnes has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music, a Masters in Education, a Masters in Urban Planning, and the highest New York Education Certificate as an Administrator. She is presently a retired Principal for the Buffalo Public School System. She has become an inspiration and role model for hundreds of students as well as a community leader.

She has held an international position in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as the former Regional Area Coordinator of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., present Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Great Lakes Regional Choir Director, past President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gamma Phi Omega Chapter, past Vice-President of the Fourth Zone Democratic Club, past Secretary of the Metropolitan Democratic Club, and presently, President of the Board of Directors of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME). She is also a member of the Erie County Chapter of Links, Inc., the Financial Secretary for Elite Temple of Elks #143 and District Financial Secretary of NED for B&P.

Janet is a member of the First Trinity Lutheran Church located in Tonawanda, New York. She is the substitute organist, active choir member and one of the musicians in "Quest", the alternative worship service.

Janet's immediate family includes a sister Vicki, a BPS math coach.



Northeast District
The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc
www.ned-nanbpwc.org

"New Direction: Turn New Corners"

Saturday, May 19, 2012



Greetings,

It is with great joy that I send salutations to Janet E. Barnes President, Buffalo Club, officers present and past and members, home to Alline Davis, NED Election Chairperson.

I am pleased to extend greetings on behalf of the Northeast District Officers and Members. I stand proud as your Governor knowing that you are doing good works in your community.

Our foremothers are smiling down on all of you today for they too were Sojourners who believed and had faith that our great organization could with stand the sands of time with grace and mercy. Here we are 77 years later still sustaining our Association.

Today, you have come forth to showcase your efforts as a guiding light in your community. You have been faithful servants in carrying out The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., mission, tenets and vision. We applaud you for your due diligence.

Buffalo Club 54 years of steadfastness is no small feat when time is measured. I want to thank you for the continuous service you have provided to your community and your sincere allegiance to the Association.

As we follow "New Direction: Turn New Corners" into a world of "LET'S" that includes leadership, entrepreneurship, technology and service to our community, We are on the right track as we pay homage to our foremothers our founders, as we reach out into our community to honor community leaders, and as we ensure our future by awarding scholarships to our high school students on their way to college. Always remember we are all Sojourners creating paths out of no way for others.

I want all of you to know my friend; your president Janet Barnes is very supportive to me and the district. Buffalo Club, you have a special place in my heart as sisters. I want to give Alien Davis special thanks for all of her support given to me and the district.

Congratulations, Buffalo Club on your 52th Founders' Day Observance a job well done!

Sisterly,

Claretha L. Smith

Claretha L. Smith
Northeast District Governor



Greetings
from
ALLINE W. DAVIS
Membership Chair
Recording Secretary

On behalf of the Buffalo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Inc., we appreciate your tremendous support throughout the year. This year marks our 53rd Anniversary! We are proud to invest in our future by honoring the achievement of African American Business and Professional women and awarding scholarship to aspiring African American youth who are pursuing higher education. We recognize community leaders who work unselfishly and tirelessly for the betterment of our communities. Congratulations Awardees, continue to strive for excellence and the betterment of the unjust and mankind.

I sincerely thank the members and committee for their cooperation.



Greetings
from
JANET E. BARNES
Buffalo Club President
North East District
Treasurer

On behalf of the Buffalo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., I would like to congratulate each of the awardees. The work you do is wonderful and we appreciate your continued service to the community to capture the vision.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the community through the years, and thank all who are attending the luncheon today.

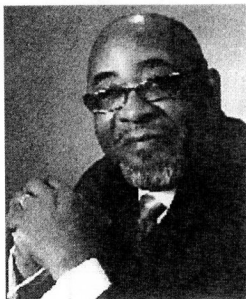
Education

*is the foundation for improving
one's standard of living,
increasing cultural awareness,
learning fundamental skills for
living, and acquiring problem
solving skills.*

*Our clubs implement an array of
activities including financial aid
workshops, adopting schools,
college tours, test-taking
strategies, and mentoring.*

*The scholarship program is the
foundation of the education focus
awarding over \$200,000 yearly in
scholarships.*





2012
MAN OF THE YEAR

Rev. Dr. Dennis Lee Jr.
Pastor

Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr., is the pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York. He is a native of Buffalo, New York. Educated in the Buffalo Public School system, he is a graduate of Erie Community College with an Associate Degree in Labor Studies. He received his religious training and diploma from the Baptist Bible College of Western New York, Houghton College, Buffalo Campus, and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian College, Jacksonville, Florida.

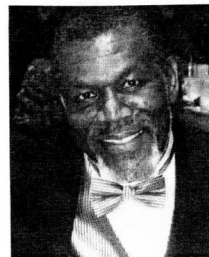
He is a certified instructor of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He currently serves as 2nd Vice Moderator of the Great Lakes Baptist Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of GROUP Ministry, Inc.

Pastor Lee was called to be the pastor of the Hopewell Baptist Church in June of 1988. During his tenure the church has built a new edifice and is currently planning on building a new addition. Many new ministries have been established and the church has grown both physically and spiritually.

Pastor Lee is a Vietnam Veteran; having served in the Army from June 1969 to June 1971 and was employed by National Grid Utility Company for 38 years, retiring as a supervisor in April 2006. In 1991 he was honored with the Black Achiever Award of Industry by the 1490 Enterprise.

Pastor Lee is married to Paulette F. Lee. He is the father of four children, and has four grandchildren.

Foremost, Pastor Lee is a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who like the Apostle Paul, have not yet arrived, but is still pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."



2012
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEE

Charles A. Walker

Charles A. Walker was born and raised in the city of Niagara Falls, NY. Charles was previously employed by Gibraltar Metals of Buffalo, New York. After the plant closed Charles took a job with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center more than 6 years ago. He started as a Community Health Advocate, and after one year was promoted to his present position of Director of Community Outreach. In his present position he organized a monthly health cable show, called the Good News Broadcast, promoting positive thinking when dealing with health issues, while informing viewers of support groups, or services that can assist them with their illness. He also organized the Good News Gospel Festival/Health Fair a summer event that ministers to the total man. Through his collaboration with Roswell Park Cancer Institute the CERC Center recently opened. A cancer information center with health and wellness classes and training in the heart of the community, working with the city of Niagara Falls and several agencies. Charles focus is on Health Disparities. He was a co-investigator on a NCI grant with Roswell called Arts, Research, T-Cells & Socio-demographics (ARTS) in the Niagara Region. He is a Master Trainer in both Chronic Disease Self Management, and Diabetes Self Management. Organized the first PINK DANCE to bring attention to Women's Health, this breast cancer dance has grown each year.

Serving a fourth term as a Niagara Falls City Council Member (13 years) he re-established the Niagara Falls Human Rights commission, led the charge for the North Star at the North End project honoring Harriet Tubman, which will be located on the ground floor of the New Amtrak station, which eventually led to legislation being adopted on both the Federal and State level adopting the Niagara Falls Heritage Area Commissions. Charles is a supporter of Business Districts, Youth Programming and Parks, and a supporter of Housing Rehab programs. He passed a Smoke Free Parks initiative in Niagara Falls, volunteers with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, American Diabetes Association, American Heart and Stroke Association and several local agencies.

Charles is the past director of the Great Lakes Christian Basketball program, presently called the Niagara Christian Basketball program where he serves as an advisor. He organized the Legends Intervention Program, an outreach effort that brings supervised adult and children programming to the parks. He serves on the Board of Directors for North Pointe Council, and Board of Directors for Heart Love & Soul food pantry, and is a member of the NAACP.

Honors and Awards, received by Charles include: 2003 The Refuge Temple of Christ Daniel Award, 2007 Main Street Business and Professional Association Angel Award, 2002 Trinity Baptist Church Community Service Award, 2006 LaSalle Educational Club Community Service Award, 2009 St. Johns AME Church Huff Award, 2008 American Diabetes Association Champions for Diabetes Award, NFJC of WNY, Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Civil Rights Achievement Award, and several other awards and certificates.

Charles is a member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves on the Deacon Board (27 years) and sings with the Male Chorus.



2012
BUSINESS AWARDEE

Annette Watts

Annette grew up in the 1950's in the inner city of Cleveland, Ohio. As a little girl, she watched her mother sew clothing for herself and the family. When her mother noticed Annette's interest in her craft, she taught her the art that was taught to her by her own mother. At age 16, she received her first sewing machine. The people she sewed for showed tremendous gratitude and appreciation. This positive exchange continued to fuel her passion.

In high school, Annette majored in sewing. In her senior year, she was employed with the city's best known clothing manufacturer. While working at this premier shop, she began to dream of owning her own dressmaking company. The more she studied the art and put her knowledge to work, the more her dreams seemed to materialize. In 1974, she entered Kent State where she majored in fashion design.

In 1978, Annette left her hometown of Cleveland to move to Buffalo, New York. She was told that Buffalo was the good place to pursue her dreams, and she did just that. She started a home business, making clothing for her family and friends. She built a strong clientele and the word spread of her high quality garments and first class customer service.

While building her home-based business, she worked for M. Wiles. She finally made the decision to step out on faith and act on her dream. She opened her own dressmaking business in 1994, ANNHRHODS, named after her son Rodney and herself. The business grew rapidly. After eight years, Annette noticed that there was no longer a demand for dresses. She incorporated tailoring and alterations into her services. Today, this is her main focus.

After 17 years of business at 3181 Bailey Avenue, ANNHRHODS, expanded to a larger building right next door. She says that God's blessings made it possible. Annette is grateful to her customers, her marketing company, and her church family, Bright Morning Star Baptist Church for past and continued support.



2012
PROFESSIONAL AWARDEE

Kendra P. Washington

Kendra P. Washington, LCSW-R, has served her community outstandingly in the field of Social Work. She has developed and provided a full range of services to the community that will assist and ensure the improvement of health care to those in need. Not only does she work in her chosen professional field of social work, but maintains a private practice and volunteers on many boards, committees and foundations.

Kendra received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Human Services, and a Masters of Social Work from the State University of Buffalo at Buffalo, New York.

Ms. Washington is President and owner of her own private practice KPW Licensed Clinical Social Work Services, PC. Currently, she serves as a licensed master social worker, psycho-social services supervisor, program therapist and board president of the Ellicott Townhouse Association.

Her duties address complex issues and exercise high level independent professional judgment, provides services to incarcerated individuals, coordinates services in a residential crisis treatment program, supervises licensed social workers, and provides counseling services to a diversified population of adults, children and families. She assists the national football league as a program therapist in conduct management, anger management, assertiveness and conflict resolution.

As program director, Kendra supervises clinical staff and licensed social workers, develops and monitors budgets, conducts regular administrative and clinical meetings, participates in utilization, review, quality improvement, networking and marketing of program services and much more.

Kendra is a member of NAFE (National Association of Female Executives) and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



2012
SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARDEE

Josephine Hunter Robbins

Josephine Hunter Robbins, a dedicated teacher, administrator, principal, devoted more than thirty-five years to the field of Education. Although, most of her time was spent educating children, she found time to work with parents, to volunteer in the community, to serve on boards that were concerned with the issues that affect women, girls and children as a whole.

Josephine received a Bachelors of Science Degree from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, a Master's of Science from the State University College at Buffalo and a Certificate in Administration and Supervision (CAS) from the State University College at Buffalo.

She began her education career in 1960 as a Science teacher in the Raleigh, North Carolina public schools; moved to Buffalo and continued as a science teacher in the Buffalo, New York public schools. Josephine became an administrator in 1966 for St. Augustine's/Fulton Academic Complex and in 1984 became Principal. She retired in 1995.

Her community participation is varied and innumerable. A few of the volunteer organizations she served were the Buffalo Board of Education teen Pregnancy/Parenting Task Force, Governor's Task Force on Teen Pregnancy, March of Dimes Advisory Board, Deaconess Hospital Family Planning Advisory Board, National Youth Sports Program Advisory Committee, Black Educators Association, HY-Y Advisory Board of the YWCA; Board of Directors for Geneva B. Scruggs Comprehensive Community Health Center, Gateway Home for Children, Episcopal Church Home, Church Mission of Help, and the list continues.

Currently Josephine is a Lay Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, a volunteer for Women for Human Rights and Dignity, Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Phi Omega Chapter, St. Philip's Episcopal Church Warden-Vestryperson, and serves on Commission on Ministries – Episcopal Diocese of Western New York.

Awards received by Josephine include: Ouida Clapp Distinguished Sisterhood Award, Angels for Service Award (WHRD), Community Service Award (Centennial Zion Church), Dedication to Special Students Award (Alternative High School), Outstanding Community Service in Education, Humanitarian and Caring Award (AKA-Great Lakes Region), and Woman of the Year (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority).



2012
SCHOLARSHIP INCENTIVE AWARDEE

*Ashley Alexandria
Brown*

Ashley Alexandria Brown graduated from City Honors High School with a diploma in Academic College Preparatory Curriculum, an International Baccalaureate diploma and Advanced Studies at Rochester Institute of Technology and SUNY University of Buffalo.

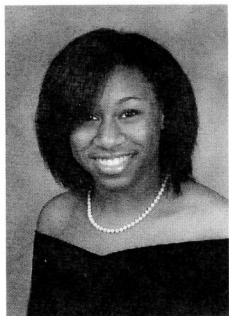
Her extracurricular activities include member and President of Students for Organ Donation Awareness (SODA), Multicultural Club Vice President, Student Council, African Dance Troupe Treasurer, Prom Committee, Amnesty International, Key Club President, Philanthropy Club and Youth Choir. She played rugby her junior and senior years and danced at David de Marie Dance Studio for ten years.

College affiliates are: National Society of Black Engineers, Latin American Student Association, Caribbean Student Association, Black Awareness Coordinating Committee, Society of African American Business Students, and Key Club.

Ashley's volunteer experiences are varied and numerous. She has volunteered with the New Hope Baptist Church Kitchen Committee, Key Club Broadway Market Cleanup, Key Club Tree Planting, City Honors Admission Testing, City Honors Rummage Sale, NSBE Bake Sale.

In addition to Ashley's busy school schedule, she has managed employment at several establishments.

She is a member of the New Hope Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York.



2012
SCHOLARSHIP INCENTIVE AWARDEE

*Patrice Alexandria
Dixon*

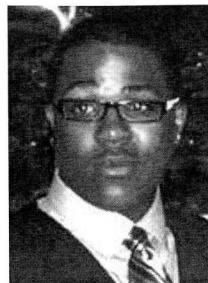
Patrice Alexandria Dixon is currently a senior at Lancaster High School and is pleasantly looking forward to graduating this June of 2012.

Patrice has recently been accepted to attend Villa Maria College in the program of Photography in the Fine Arts Program. Patrice's goal is to obtain her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Photography. In this course of study Patrice will develop broad skills such as Photographic Theory and Photojournalism. Patrice plans to work in various areas in the field of Fine Arts and to own a professional studio. She has been invited to attend the Jump Start Summer Program. This program will enable her to complete a semester of courses earlier than the anticipated regular fall semester start.

During school course work, Patrice has participated in various areas of community involvement and volunteer work in the community which includes; volunteering at the Joan A. Male Family Support Center Giving Tree (collecting gifts for underprivileged families for the holidays); Feed the Hungry Food Drive; Helping Hands Food Pantry; and Court Street Elementary School events. Patrice is registered with The United Way of Western New York, "U GIVE", and is in a student volunteer program. She has attended Lancaster town meetings with the purpose of becoming aware and/or involved in your community government politics.

Patrice's hobbies, interests and extracurricular activities include creating a Photography blog, and attending music lessons at "Twin City Music" in Lancaster for guitar. Patrice attended the school Art Club and likes drawing. She has received several awards for perfect attendance.

Patrice is a member of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; a member of the Youth Choir, a member of the YPP Program and attends Sunday school.



2012
SCHOLARSHIP INCENTIVE AWARDEE

Chasen LaSalle

Chasen LaSalle was born in Buffalo, New York in 1994. He has lived in Buffalo all of his life. He attended Build Academy from Pre-K to 4th grade and Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts from fifth through grade twelve. He is now a senior art major graduating with a New York State Regents diploma and an Arts Diploma.

An Honor Roll student for the last two marking periods, Chasen has a cumulative GPA of 83 or 2.5, and a cumulative SAT score of 1500. He has been involved in numerous extracurricular activities, Student Council Sergeant at Arms, Prom Committee and Mock Trial. He was appointed school store treasurer and co-editor of the yearbook committee.

Chasen has done extensive volunteer work and community service since his freshman year. He has volunteered at Build Academy, the Western New York Independent Living Center and the American Heart Association.

Socially, since his junior year of high school, Chasen has participated in the Biennial Beautillion sponsored by Jack and Jill of America. Upon the completion of the Rites of Passage ceremony, he received a certificate of recognition from Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown. He also received the "NIA" Award for growth and purpose during the culminating ceremonies.

Spiritually, Chasen has been an active member of Evangelistic Temple Community Church. He was baptized in 2006. He sings in the Choir, ushers, has performed in numerous plays and has been Art Director for Vacation Bible School. He says his family has instilled religious values and the importance of God in his everyday life. He feels blessed to come from a family that administers love, strength, and most importantly, character.

Lelia Farrell Byrd

Chaplin

(Since 1995)

Buffalo Club Member—1988

Member, Journal Committee—1989 to Present

Achievement Award—1993

Chairperson, Adopt A Classroom



May God Continue to Bless and Guide You

WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL
YOUR ENDEAVORS. DEAREST SISTER,
MOTHER & GRANDMOTHER

Dearest Daughters, Sisters

Mrs. Ada L. Hall, Sister Mrs. Beverly Y. Franklin, Sister
Mrs. Jeannine Jordan, Daughter Ms. Derria Byrd, Daughter
Mrs. Pamela Westbrook, Daughter

Grandchildren:

April, William, Laureta, Aaron, Andre, Jasmine and Jeremiah

Great Grandchildren:

Keith, Kevin and Matthew Clyde
Westbrook

In Memoriam

Clyde T. Farrell, Frankie L. Farrell

Congratulations Awardees

LIFE MEMBERS of the BUFFALO CLUB N.A.N.B.P.W.C., INC

Ms. Janet E. Barnes
Mrs. Emma Jean Bassett
Mrs. Lelia F. Byrd
Mrs. Beuline Crawford
Mrs. Frances Jennings
Ms. Joyce M. Jones
Mrs. Hortense B. Nash
Mrs. M. Louise Stewart
Mrs. Verlie B. Walton
Ms. Bobbye Watkins

Dedicated to the Loving Memory of ...

Mrs. Cleo Reid—December 20, 1990
Mrs. Madeline Thompson—August 22, 1994
Mrs. Bessie G. Washington—June 1, 1995
Mrs. Placid J. Parker—July 2, 1996
Mrs. Bertha Thompson—September 21, 1996
Mrs. Eva M. Pressley—December 15, 1996
Mrs. Charlotte Davis-McNeal—April 10, 1997
(Founder & First President of the Buffalo Club)
Mrs. Ruby T. Butts—June 3, 2000
Ms. Clara W. Mencer—January 2, 2001
Mrs. Jessie M. Jackson—November 2003
Mrs. Helen Waite—July 7, 2004
Mrs. Mary C. Chappelle—2006
Ms. Mary Rogers—July 2011
Mrs. Catrena Wright



*Congratulations
and
Best Wishes
to
All
Awardees*

Janet E. Barnes

Buffalo Club President



In Loving Memory of
Our Departed B.P.W.
Sisters



Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star.
And one clear call for Me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out of the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

-TENNYSON

Congratulations To
Josephine H. Robbins
On Being Presented With the
Sojourner Truth Award

SELFLESS, HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY, BRAVE, GIVING

Your Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Gamma Phi Omega Chapter

**Alisa Adams
Denise Cobbs
Christal John-Millin
Hattie McCarley**

**Carolyn H. Allen
Josephine Cross
Barbara Jones
Theresa E. Pope**

**Cullie Brown
Mary M. Hall
Pashion Marshall
Joanne Sadler**



Congratulations

To Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Dennis Lee, Jr.

***The Recipient of 2012
Man of the Year***



***Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Ave.
Buffalo, New York 14211***

"Keep Pressing On"

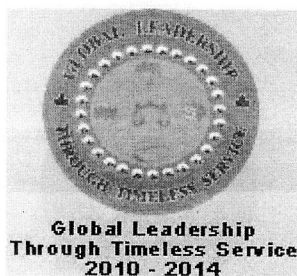
***"I press toward the mark for the prize of the
high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:14)***

**The Women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Gamma Phi Omega Chapter**

Are Extremely Proud of our Sister

Josephine Hunter Robbins

On receiving the Sojourner Truth Award

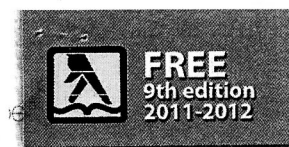


Congratulations to the Women of the Buffalo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

FOR

**Your many years of service and this year's
52nd Annual Founder's Day Luncheon**

"Religion without humanity is very poor human stuff"
Sojourner Truth



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Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (KJV)

Greater Buffalo/Niagara
and Surrounding Areas

SINCE 1980
Trusted for 30 Years



NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Sam Fruscione, Council Chair

Robert Anderson

Glenn Chooolokian

Kristen Grandinetti

Charles A. Walker

Congratulations to my lovely daughter "PATRICE ALEXANDRIA DIXON"

A recipient of the Scholarship Incentive Award

"For with God nothing shall be impossible". Dear Patrice the possibilities that awaits you are unlimited. Keep responding to life challenges in a positive way and always trust God in everything you do.

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Love You, Mom,

Patricia Dixon

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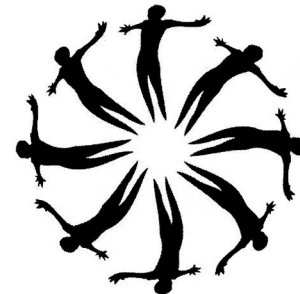
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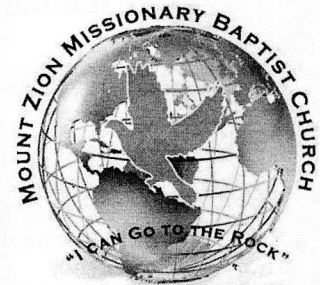
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Introduction of Members Ms. Janet E. Barnes
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Crossing the Bar Mrs. Lelia F. Byrd
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To All

AWARDEES

**"Let your light so shine before men that they may see
Your good works and glory your Father which is in Heaven"**

Matthew 5:16

Alline Davis

2012 Sojourner Truth Awardee

Past President

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Chasen,

*It seems like yesterday I was
holding you in my arms, and
now I am sending you to
college. I am so proud of
you, and the young man that
you have become!*

*Love,
Mom*

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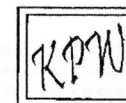


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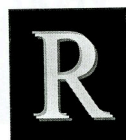
Look to this day, for it is life,
For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is a only a vision,
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

-Sanskrit Proverbs

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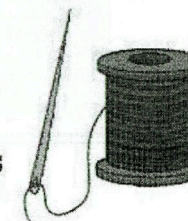
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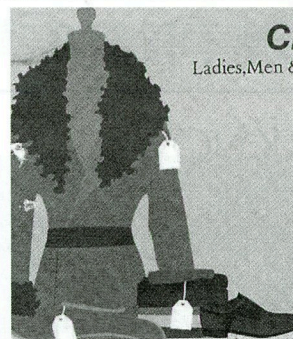
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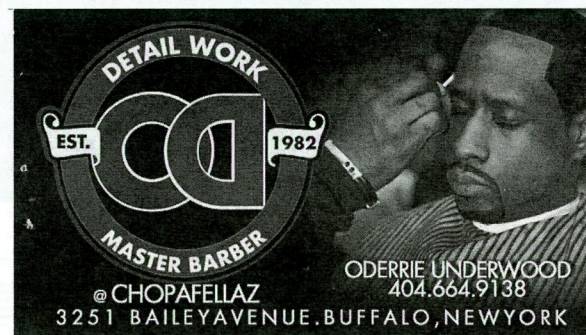
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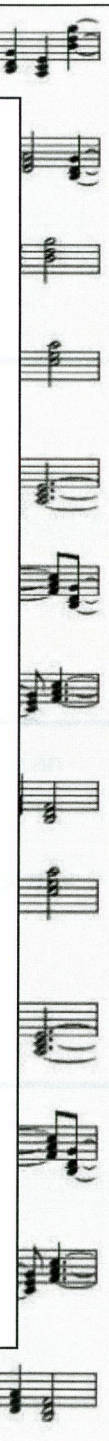




DID YOU KNOW?


The members of the NANBPWC's Northeast District encourage interest in culture and the arts. Each year the District hosts the Showcase of Vocal Artists at Carnegie Hall where we feature the talents of young vocalists pursuing careers in classical music.

On the international front we have opened a health care facility in the Village of Apatrapa in Ghana, West Africa, and have provided support in Benin, Nigeria and Tanzania, just to name a few. We have given monetary donations and have sponsored programs that have helped to improve the economic conditions for our brothers and sisters in the Motherland.



THIS MONUMENT WAS DEDICATED BY THE PEOPLE OF BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1999, TO PRESERVE THE IMAGE AND HONOR THE LEGACY OF SOJOURNER TRUTH (1797-1883), WHO LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR THE LAST 27 YEARS OF HER LIFE. ALTHOUGH SHE COULD NEITHER READ NOR WRITE, THIS CHARISMATIC EX-SLAVE WAS EMPOWERED BY A DEEP RELIGIOUS FAITH TO CARRY HER MESSAGE OF SOCIAL REFORM AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. USING HUMOR, WIT AND SONG IN HER ORATORY, SOJOURNER TRUTH TRANSFORMED NATIONAL ATTITUDES AND INSTITUTIONS. THE COMMUNITY INSPIRED THE VISION OF TRUTH WHICH IS EMBODIED IN THIS SCULPTURE BY INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED ARTIST TINA ALLEN.

*IT IS FOR EACH OF US WHO STAND HERE
TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF TRUTH.*



Buffalo Club History

Buffalo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. was organized on October 11, 1958. Mrs. Charlotte McNeal was the first President.

Charter Members of the Buffalo Club are:

Naomi Bailey	Jerrie Hall	Clara W. Mencer
Bessie Gillespie*	Maragaret Martin*	Ruth Scruggs*
Dorothy Green	Charlotte McNeal*	Jeanette Smith*

The Buffalo Club was chartered at the 23rd National Convention in 1959. Mrs. Florence Allen Holmes, National First Vice-President organized the club.

1958-1960	Mrs. Charlotte McNeal*	President
1960-1962	Ms. Clara W. Mencer*	President

*First Sojourner Truth Award Issued by the Buffalo Club

*First Annual International Tea given by the Buffalo Club

1962-1964	Mrs. Mary Chappelle	President
1964-1966	Mrs. Jeanette Smith*	President
1966-1970	Mrs. Ruby Butts*	President

*Buffalo Youth Club organized in August 1972

*Buffalo Young Adult Club organized in May 1970

During Mrs. Ruby Butts* term of office, the President's term of office was changed from one term to two terms. Therefore, instead of a President being allowed to serve one term (2 years), a President may now serve if re-elected, two terms (four years). Mrs. Butts was the first President to serve four years. The rationale for the four years (two terms of office) was in keeping with the National terms of office and to give local Presidents more time to innovate certain projects and to complete them.

1970-1974	Mrs. Helen Waite	President
1974-1978	Mrs. Hortense B. Nash	President
1978-1980	Mrs. Placid J. Parker*	President
1980-1982	Mrs. Thelma G. Lanier	President
1982-1986	Mrs. Madeline Thompson*	President

*Illness prevented Mrs. Thompson from serving as President after being re-elected.

Mrs. Joyce M. Jones served as acting President until January 1986.

1986-1990	Ms. Joyce M. Jones	President
1990-1994	Mrs. Eva M. Pressley*	President

*Deceased

On May 24, 1994, the Membership Chairperson, Mrs. Bessie Washington installed six new members. These members attended the Membership Tea in October 1993, but did not join the Buffalo Club until the March 1994 Special Recruitment Membership Drive in celebration of "The Year of the Women."

The new members were Patricia Dixon, Yvonne B. Evans, Christine Hardaway, Caralee McCallister, Lamettree McElveen, and Delores B. Williams. These members were installed and actively worked during the Sojourner Truth and Founders Day Luncheon held on June 19, 1994. Upon the death of Mrs. Bessie Washington (1st Vice-President), Mrs. Emma J. Bassett was voted in as 1st Vice-President. Ms. Janet E. Barnes was voted in as the 2nd Vice-President.

1994-1996	Mrs. Catrena A. Wright	President
1996-2000	Mrs. Emma J. Bassett	President
2000-2004	Ms. Janet E. Barnes	President
2004-2009	Mrs. Alline W. Davis	President
2009-2011	Ms. Janet E. Barnes	President

The Buffalo Club is involved in many community projects which includes:

- Adopt A Classroom
- American Heart Association
- Annual Book Drive
- Annual Church Visitation
- Annual Snow Ball Dinner Dance
- Black History Programs
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Candidates Night
- Census Bureau
- Diabetes Awareness
- Gilda's Club
- Health Fair
- Kwanzaa Celebration
- Membership Tea
- Music Library (at the Colored Musicians Club)
- Officers Appreciation Night
- Orientation Workshop
- Pumpkin Patch Party
- Sickle Cell Project
- Sojourner Truth & Founders Day Luncheon
- Women's History Month Program

Remember Me *Sojourner Truth Awardees*

1961 - 2010

1961	Mrs. Cora P. Maloney*
1962	Mrs. Ercelle Harmon Moore*
1963	Mrs. Thelma Ayers Hardiman*
1964	Dr. Lydia T. Wright*
1965	Mrs. Mary Crosby Chapelle*
1966	Mrs. Mary B. Crawley*
1967	Mrs. Jeanette Smith*
1968	Mrs. Ruby T. Butts*
1969	Mrs. Mary J. Hackney*
1970	Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas*
1971	Mrs. Emma L. Callahan
1972	Mrs. Kenvel Echols*
1973	Mrs. Cleo Reid*
1974	Mrs. Placid J. Parker*
1975	Mrs. Thyra M. Charles*
1976	Lt. (Captain) Marion Bass
1977	Mrs. Lee C. Crumpley*
1978	Mrs. Mary Polite Sherill
1979	Mrs. Helen Waite*
1980	Mrs. Sylvia Inman
1981	Rev. Shirley Harrington
1982	Mrs. Georgia Henley
1983	Mrs. Earline Tillman Collier*
1985	Mrs. Garnet Hicks Wallace



1986	Mrs. Ora Lee McQuillar Lewis
1987	Mrs. Hortense B. Nash
1988	Mrs. Eva M. Doyle
1989	Mrs. Sheila J. Nickson
1990	Mrs. Ouida W. Clapp*
1991	Mrs. Constance B. Eve
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1996	Mrs. Margaret M. Strasner
1997	Ms. Joyce M. Jones
1998	Ms. Yvonne S. Minor-Ragan, PhD
1999	Mrs. Emma Bassett
2000	Mrs. Louise McCoullum
2001	Mrs. Florence Johnson
2002	Mrs. Denise N. Wooten
2003	Ms. A. Paulette Thompson
2004	Ms. Sandra Mobley-Terry
2005	Ms. Janet E. Barnes
2006	Mrs. Nellie B. King
2007	Dr. Muriel A. Howard
2008	Mrs. Viola Hill
2009	Mrs. Alline W. Davis
2010	Ms. Brenda W. McDuffie
2011	Ms. Stephanie Cowart

Sojourner Truth is the national Matriarch of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. and our recognition and knowledge of Sojourner Truth is important to every club member.

Sojourner Truth was born Isabella Bomefree (also spelled Baumfree in some narratives) about 1797 at Hurler, Uster County New York to James and Betsy who were slaves of Colonel Hardenbergh, upon his death ownership passed to his son, Charles. Isabella was sold four times and spoke low Dutch until she was about 10 years old, yet never learned to read or write.

Sojourner Truth spoke for women's rights, abolition, prison reform and addressed the Michigan Legislature on capital punishment. She was known for her most famous "Ain't I A Woman" speech and had staunch influential supporters like Susan B. Anthony, Amy Post and William Garrison.

In 1948, at the National Convention of the NANBPWC, Inc., it was decided that the highest honor bestowed by the NANBPWC, Inc., would be the Sojourner Truth Award, given to a woman who has exemplified outstanding community service and whose life parallels the life and qualities of Sojourner Truth.



About the Award...

Sojourner Truth Monument



The Sojourner Truth Institute of Battle Creek worked with the National Association of Negro and Black Professional Women (NANBPW) and other supporters since 1997 to develop the Sojourner Truth monument. The project was originally suggested by the NANBPW in 1993.

The monument stands tall in downtown Battle Creek, Michigan.



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SOJOURNER TRUTH

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood
of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing - often called "The Black National Anthem" - was written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) in 1899. It was first performed in public in the Johnsons' hometown of Jacksonville, Florida as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal.



A United States postage stamp was issued on February 4, 1986 in New Paltz, New York in Sojourner Truth's honor. Sojourner has been named to both the Michigan and National Women's Hall of Fame

Our Purpose

- To create an atmosphere in which black women will be able to fully participate and bring about meaningful changes in their public and private lives.
- To communicate the present psychological, social, educational, recreational, and economical status of women.
- To offer positive models to the young women of our communities, and to share skills and knowledge with the less informed.
- To encourage the formation of women's commissions on the local level.
- To explore alternate ways of women to meet the multiple challenges of today's changing world.

